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THE people of the republics and countries of Central and South America fully realized to how great an extent information with regard to their several countries exists in the United States and Canada. The Pan-American Exposition will be held in Buffalo, N. Y., from 1901 to 1902. This has been especially true of the Argentine Republic and Chile. Fifty years ago the latter supplied flour to the entire west coast of South America and even to that of North America. The development of California and Oregon, however, changed this, and today the letter not only supplies their own wants, but as well a large section of Central and part of Western South America with breadstuffs. Chile on her part has become the world's nitrate producer and notably so in copper, while her vineyards have increased with each year.

In the Argentine Republic the changes that have occurred are even more striking, because they relate to things with which we of the United States and Canada are more familiar. It is, for example, relatively speaking, but a few years since the United States was shipping flour to the Argentine Republic and to Uruguay. Today, as a result of the immigration that has poured into those republics, the same republic has also become their competitor—and a strong and growing one, too—in the exportation of meat products. Few have any idea of the growth of this industry in the River Plate republics. Thirty years ago Great Britain imported less than 300,000 pieces of frozen mutton. Indeed that was the beginning of that industry. Today there are killed, frozen and exported to Europe each day from the province of Buenos Ayres alone, in the Argentine Republic, 15,000 carcasses of as good mutton as the world can produce, while innumerable square miles of alfalfa fields dot the republic and furnish rich, cheap fattening material for 30,000,000 or more of cattle possessed by the country.

The advantages the people of the United States and Canada might obtain by granting the true meaning of the above facts would appear to me many and their value very great. If they would, for instance, but realize the significance of the one fact that a well bred, fat steer can be and is being produced in the Argentine Republic and exported to England at a total expense at least \$15 less than it is possible to do the same thing in either the United States or Canada, with a great advantage to the producer of River Plate mutton—they would realize the strong appearance of probability to the often quoted statement made by some that not distant future would bring River Plate mutton to our tables in the United States.

Great Cattle Zones in the South. Many public men in South America believe this will occur, reasoning as they do that the conditions in the United States are such and their development so rapid, that it is possible that it can be looked upon as altogether probable that within the next ten years meat will be probably exported to the United States from the great cattle zones of South America. They also believe that the turn of the tide that has carried the United States into the position of a leader of money rather than a borrower will then carry the United States and Canada with it.

Millions of acres of tillable land, in an excellent climate, with every facility except immediate transportation, await those who will seriously look for it in South and Central America, and it was the earnest wish and purpose of those who formulated and planned the Pan-American Exposition that in all the above fields they might, through the Exposition, do something toward bringing to all a better knowledge than now exists concerning the countries of the Western Hemisphere and that there might result from the Exposition something of value in the direction of a wider dissemination of that practical knowledge of our surroundings and of our future industrial outlook so much desired by all of us and so essential to a proper realization on our own part of the problems of trade and of commerce that are in store for us and for our children to solve, that through it the people of the Western Hemisphere might more clearly appreciate than they now do the enormous resources of the Western Hemisphere and the possibilities it contains for the building up of an enormous industrial empire, containing, as it does, the most fertile agricultural lands of the world toward both extremities of the hemisphere, with minerals and forests adjacent in either section, with great navigable waterways in both North and South America and with a central zone capable of producing to an unlimited degree all the tropical and subtropical products known to or used by man.

The Pan-American Exposition was not, therefore, either entirely or largely born of a selfish desire on the part of the people of the State of New York, and of Buffalo primarily, to draw attention to anything they possess or to acquire wholly local prestige and benefit from the undertaking. The location of the Exposition was fixed at Buffalo by reason of the fact that the courage of the people of that city and their public spirit and faith in their ability to finance and produce an international Exposition which should be confined to the Western Hemisphere was strong enough to convince Congress that the work would be well done, and hence the location was decided upon.

What Buffalo Has Done. This step having been taken and the die thus cast, Buffalo has risen equal to the occasion and has subscribed millions of money, and as a city, there have been sunk in one common purpose to succeed, all personal and sectional jealousies and ambitions. A splendid location was selected for the Exposition, in which there is included a large part of the city's great and famous beautiful park, and from the time that was done up to the present moment the interest and energy manifested and the strong intent to succeed in every way shown by the people of the city in their great undertaking have been focused upon and centered in the work now nearing completion. The extent to which this interest has been shown can be gauged from the fact that on several recent Sundays 20,000 people have passed through the wagon gates to the grounds in order that they might see how the work of constructing the Exposition buildings was progressing.

Architectural Wonders. In its architectural foundation and outlines the Exposition pays the republics of South and Central America the highest compliment possible, since in the character and design of its buildings there will be placed before the visitor the most perfect, the most beautiful and the most enchanting picture of Spanish architectural memories that has ever been presented in any country or place, while in its natural attractions and in the loveliness of its lake and forest and flower setting the Exposition as a picture will be a source of gladness and delight and a pride as well to every one who visits it. Those who have its direction and management are doing everything within their power to bring together about these central salient points those finishing connecting links of friendship, of brilliant lighting effects, of music, of gardens, of entertainments and of novelty which go so far toward making up the real life of a great Exposition.

As this is being written—six months previous to the opening of the Exposition—it is distinctly gratifying to the people of Buffalo and of the State of New York to be able to realize, as they do, that their efforts in the work of building up and arranging the ground-work of the Exposition have been warmly seconded on every hand, and that the discouragements they have met with and the difficulties they have had to overcome have but more closely accentuated and made apparent the merit of their undertaking and brought to them the unsought praise and hearty applause of their fellow citizens of the United States, while the prominent and praiseworthy activity being shown in Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Honduras, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Bolivia, the Argentine Republic and in Cuba, in all that relates to the participation of those countries in the Exposition, is most encouraging and presages a brilliant outcome. To this there is to be added the widespread interest now manifested in the Exposition in Canada, in Jamaica, in Guadeloupe, in Porto Rico, in Hawaii and in the Philippines. With these factors to work from, there would seem to be a bright outlook ahead for a successful outcome and a realization to some degree of the sentiments underlying the Exposition. With but few exceptions the States are cordially and enthusiastically interested in the Exposition and will participate, and they are joining heartily in the efforts to make it in its success consistent with the ideas held by those who formulated its plans and such as will amply and fully justify the pride, faith and confidence of the people who first took up and encouraged by every means within their power the holding of a Pan-American Exposition—at a seemingly most appropriate place—within our midst, as it is of the world's greatest interest, and amid the truly marvelous wonderful applications of the unlimited power now being transmitted from that great leap of waters.

Bringing Together the Resources of the Americas. I have given several reasons why it seemed that an opportune moment had been reached to hold a Pan-American Exposition and also why the people of the Western Hemisphere should be interested in and learn much of great advantage to them from such a bringing together of the resources of the Americas as it is contemplated and desired to do. Many other reasons could be given why a broader, more rational, better understood and more common sense Pan-American sentiment should exist between the people of the three Americas, that is not apparent, and as to why the execution of the plan toward the United States toward them that has lain not wholly or always dormant in the Latin American republics should be wiped out for all time. Among these would be the building of a continental railway some day connecting the two ends of the hemisphere, the benefits and advantages in our relations with Latin America that are certain to follow the assimilation among us of the Spanish language since the Spanish war, which is now going on in every direction, and the striking changes our relations and business dealings and contact with Porto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines will bring about. These are all factors and things of interest and value to all the people of the Western Hemisphere, and each and all will be aided and benefited in some degree in every way by the holding of the Pan-American Exposition.

If this international enterprise should therefore do aught in any of the directions I have indicated and if it shall in addition or as a result to any degree add something to the "better acquaintance" stock of the people of the Western Hemisphere and thus tend to bring to them all a more accurate knowledge than they now possess of each other's needs and opportunities, and a true appreciation of their industrial interdependence upon each other, it will not have been created in vain.

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